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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) 34.

(b) Two.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e) Does not arise.

Harijan uplift in Madurai

*2807 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of lands assigned to Harijans from the Government lands and by acquisition in the year 1952 in Madurai district;

(b) how many wells were sunk for the benefit of Harijans in the district in the year 1952;

(c) other ameliorative steps taken in Madurai district towards Harijan uplift since the present Collector took charge; and

(d) the expenditure incurred from the budget allotment for Harijan Welfare towards establishment charges in the Madurai district and the actual amount of subsidy and aid given for the uplift of Harijans in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) to (d) The information is furnished in the paper [a] placed on the table of the House.

Baliapatam Police

*2808 Q.—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the action taken by the Baliapatam Police in Malabar on the petition given by one Nanu (Harijan) of Kunnam Kayil near Cannanore regarding the carrying away by force of his wife Panchali (Thiyya) of Cheruthazham by a mob of Caste Hindus on 24th May 1955?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : From the statement placed on the table, it is apparent that the woman Panchali really went out of love. May I request the Government to see that in respect of Harijans such conditions are created as will be conducive to the course of true love to run smoother?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Anyhow we do not stand in the way of true love taking its own course.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 420–421 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix II on pages 421–422 infra.